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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7081

FT CHAFFEE PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1860

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, GB

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: LIBREVILLE 1794

1. FACED WITH CONTINUED INACCESSIBILITY OF FONMIN  
(PREOCCUPIED WITH SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS), RAISED  
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT QUESTION NOVEMBER 13 WITH SECSTATE  
FOR FONAFFAIRS REKANGALT.

2. THOUGH LATTER HAD NOT SEEN AIDE MEMOIRE, HE WAS  
FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND TO ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR REFUGEE  
RESETTLEMENT IN GABON AND ECHOED PRESIDENT'S INSTINCTIVE  
REACTION (REFTEL) THAT GABONESE ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED  
IN REFUGEES WITH TECHNICAL SKILLS. LIKE PRESIDENT,  
HE DID NOT RULE OUT FISHING VILLAGE, BUT MADE CLEAR HIS  
PERSONAL VIEW THAT GABON ALREADY HAS ENOUGH FISHERMEN  
AND THUS WOULD HAVE NO REAL INTEREST IN WELCOMING MORE.  
LIKE PRESIDENT, HE TOO PROMISED WE WOULD RECEIVE OFFICIAL  
REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, BUT MADE  
NO TIME COMMITMENT WHEN I PRESSED FOR REPLY ON URGENT  
BASIS.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK FORMAL GOG  
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RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN

CHOERENT FISHING VILLAGE. GIVEN LACK OF ENTHUSIASM  
FROM BOTH PRESIDENT AND REKANGALT, HOWEVER, BELIEVE  
WE SHOULD FACE UP TO FACT THAT PROSPECTS ARE DIM AT BEST.  
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR  
IATF TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE FOR RESETTLEMENT OF FISHERMEN  
AND ADVISE US IF ANY REFUGEES WITH TECHNICAL QUALIFICA-  
TIONS MORE CLOSELY ATTUNED TO GABONESE ASPIRATIONS  
MIGHT STILL BE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT HERE.  
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